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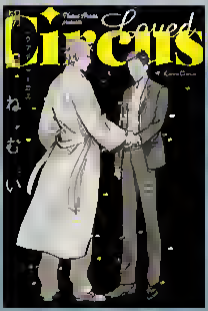

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Chapter 5

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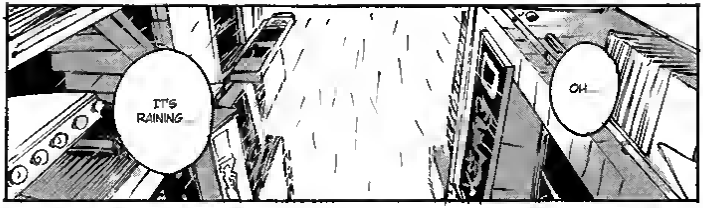
Joe took two weeks to inform his regulars of his departure
IT'S FINE
SOMU WILL BE TROUBLED IF I MAKE YOU COME THAT FAR.
TAK!
IS IT REALLY OKAY NOT TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE AIRPORT?

Y-YES?
SOMU!
LOOK.
RIN.
I WON'T!
OKAY.
I WON'T!
IF JOE MAKES YOU UNHAPPY, DON'T HESITATE TO GIVE HIM A GOOD, HARD KICK!
YEAH, THAT.
See ya!
COMPARED TO THAT, THE MYSTERY OF HOW JOE GOT A WORK VISA IS EVEN SCARIER
Nawl
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
HE STARTED GETTING ALONG WITH SOMU...
And they left the next day.

YOU WERE CRYING AND DRINKING ALL NIGHT LONG
SHUT UP!
WHAT WITH ONE THING AND ANOTHER, YOU TWO GOT ALONG WELL.
I'M GLAD THERE'S NO WORK TODAY.
AH, DAMN!
That's so cute!
IF IT HAD BEEN LONGER, MAYBE...
I'VE ONLY SPENT SIX MONTHS WITH HIM, SO I WON'T BE LONELY WITHOUT HIM
THAT'S TRUE
YEAH
YES?
HUH...?
smile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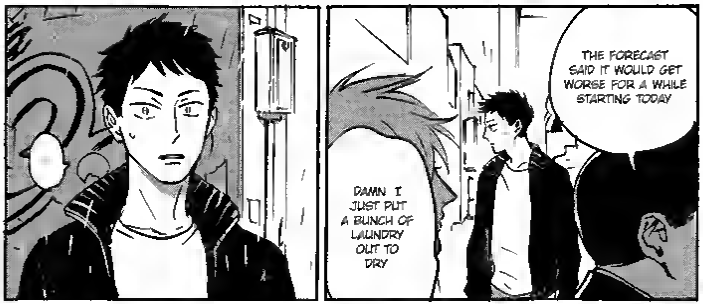
OH...


DAMN I JUST PUT A BUNCH OF LAUNDRY OUT TO DRY
THE FORECAST SAID IT WOULD GET WORSE FOR A WHILE STARTING TODAY

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TO REPLACE JOE
THE NEW PERSON...
HUH?
crunch
WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD BE GOOD?
EXCEPT WE SHOULD PROBABLY PICK SOMEONE WITH A GOOD FACE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO,
Did I use to be in here...?
WHOA.
THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT...
THIS IS THE LIST OF PEOPLE WHOSE DEBTS ARE PILING UP DANGEROUSLY HIGH
OOH...
THE TRUTH IS, I'M HEARING FROM THE QUIRE...
...THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE TAKING ON ANYONE NEW FOR SOME TIME...
ER... THAT'S ALL VERY WELL, BUT...
hesitant
SHOULDN'T IT BE SOMEONE WHO WE THINK WILL STAY FOR A WHILE?

SHOULD I START PAYING...
...FOR MY PORTION OF THE ROOM AND BOARD?
WELL, IT'S...
WHY'S THAT?
...BECAUSE WE'RE NOT MAKING A PROFIT...
I SEE.
...
WELL, THAT'S...
LEADER...
WELL...
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK, LEADER?
UH...
I...
DID MARIA-SAN SAY SO?
LEADER'S WIFE
MARIA-SAN?

I UNDER-STAND
WELL, BUT...
...
MM
I'LL TAKE THEM ON
TO BE SHARED OUT.
OBVIOUS-LY THERE ARE JOE'S CLIENTS...
WELL. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE HOW IT GOES.
YEAH...
LEADER DOESN'T EVER GO AGAINST SHIRO
BUT I WAS SURPRISED
UH... OKAY
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.
IT'S KIND OF...
HAH

AND SHIRO-SAN... HE WORKED WITH JOE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME. IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD TO SEE JOE GO
AND OFFERING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR JOE'S CLIENTS... I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM
BUT WHAT WILL WE DO?
CAN JUST THREE PEOPLE HANDLE IT?
I WONDER TOO
HM?
KEI...?
clatter
AND SHIRO-SAN PUTS EVERYTHING INTO TAKING CARE OF HIS CLIENTS.
Ouch!
OH... IT DIDN'T BREAK
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
LOVE?
WHY ARE YOU GETTING ALL FLUSTERED?
STOP, IT'S GROSS
DO YOU LOVE SHIRO?
CRASH
WELL... I DON'T REALLY CARE IF YOU LOVE HIM
BUT... AS A PERSON...
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HIM.

I DON'T THINK THAT SHIRO IS SUCH A GOOD PERSON
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE USUAL MEANING
HE'S NOT AS GOOD A PERSON AS YOU THINK HE IS, KEI
CLOSE
I DID...
I SAW IT, BUT...
DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM THIS MORNING? THAT INDIFFERENT EXPRESSION
AND I DON'T THINK HE FEELS BAD ABOUT JOE
WELL...
THEY WERE CLOSE. IT'S TRUE
HUH?! THAT'S NOT IT!
BUT YOU KNOW THEY WERE CLOSE
ARE YOU ANGRY BECAUSE HE DIDN'T CRY OVER JOE?

WEREN'T YOU AT JOE'S GOING-AWAY PARTY?
IT WAS A HALF DAY SO THOSE WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO WORK IN THE EVENING WEREN'T ABLE TO GO
WITHOUT MY REALIZING IT, SHIRO HAD DISAPPEARED
HE WAS WITH A CUSTOMER.
EVEN THOUGH JOE WAS GOING TO A FAR-OFF COUNTRY,
AND THIS WAS HIS LAST EVENING TO BE WITH HIM.
THAT WAS. A JOB HE COULDN'T GET OUT OF
ARE YOU SURE? THE PARTY WAS PLANNED TWO WEEKS AGO FOR A DAY WHEN HE WAS FREE
HOW DID THAT CUSTOMER GET ON THE SCHEDULE?

THAT'S WHY I SAID FROM THE BEGINNING THAT I WAS GETTING OUT OF HERE
AND I HAVEN'T WANTED TO HAVE A PARTNER
BUT...
HE HAS NO INTEREST IN THE PEOPLE WHO LEAVE HERE
SAME GOES FOR THE CUSTOMERS
THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON SHIRO IS
SO YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT
WATCH OUT?
BUT SHIRO IS REALLY INTERESTED IN YOU...
UP UNTIL NOW, JOE'S BEEN HIS CHOICE
BUT NOW JOE'S GONE
SHIRO'S IN A RUSH TO REPLACE HIM WITH SOMEONE NEW...
HE'S LOOKING FOR A SUICIDE PACT PARTNER
HE...

I DON'T WANT TO
HEAR SOMETHING LIKE THAT EVEN FROM RIN
KEI-KUN
WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NOTHING...
SHIRO-SAN
HUH? OH!

LISTEN
AH, YES?
OH SORRY
DID YOU COME TO GET A GLASS OF WATER?
A CUSTOMER IS COMING WHO REQUIRES TWO PARTNERS
I REALLY NEED YOU
ER
ARE YOU FREE THIS AFTERNOON
AROUND 3?
IT'S ALL RIGHT I CAN DO IT
SORRY
I'M A LITTLE TIRED
I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO IT WITH JOE, BUT
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE ANYMORE
OH

THANK YOU
I'M GLAD YOU CAN DO IT
OH! I'M NOT COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT
...I CAN DO A GOOD JOB, BUT...
THEN I'LL SEE YOU AT 3:00
IN ROOM 2.
RIGHT
I'M FINE.
ER... YOUR COMPLEXION LOOKS PALE...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO SHIRO-SAN
AND BESIDES...
RIN SAID THAT BUT...

I HAVE...
A CLIENT...
YOU'RE NOT SCHEDULED FOR ONE TODAY
..
OH
WHERE ARE YOU GOING KEI?
I-I'M HELPING SHIRO-SAN...
WITH ONE OF HIS
BUT SHIRO DOESN'T HAVE ANY CUSTOMERS UNTIL THIS EVENING

UGH MY HEAD HURTS FROM THE LOW ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE...
WELL, IF YOU'RE FINE WITH IT.
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY AGAINST IT...
REALLY...?
...I'M ENTERING A LIFELONG CONTRACT JUST BY OPENING THIS DOOR
IT'S NOT AS IF
Shiro
Rin
Kei
23°00
creak
EXCUSE ME...
KNOCK KNOCK
...ABOUT SHIRO-SAN
JUST BECAUSE RIN SAID SOMETHING STRANGE...

OH IT'S AN ACTUAL CUSTOMER
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU
THIS IS KEI-KUN
HEY
AND THIS IS MITA-SAN
I CALL HIM SHUU-KUN
...NICE TO MEET YOU
MUTTER
THE FEELING IS DIFFERENT FROM THE CUSTOMERS WHO USUALLY COME HERE
Will I be able to do it?
WELL LET'S GET YOU READY
N-NICE TO MEET YOU
IS HE GLARING AT ME?
MUTTER
MUTTER
HEE HEE ALL RIGHT

WELL...
SHALL WE BEGIN?
OHHH
IS IT ONE OF THESE TYPES...? S and/or M ?
THERE!
HEH HEH HEY STOP STRUGGLING
SHIRO-SAN!
WHAT...
KE!
NGH!
HEY!
WAIT!
Gril
Creak
HAH...!
WET

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?
SHALL I ENTER YOU OR BE ENTERED BY YOU?
HE CAN'T GET AN E-RECTION,
SO HE LIKES TO BE TIED UP AND WATCH IN AGONY
OUR CLIENT...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT'S WHY HERE...
WAIT!
LIWAH!
AAH!
HAH
thadump
HAH
AH!
Tremble
thadump
HAH
JOLT
I'LL DO WHICHEVER MAKES YOU FEEL BEST
YOU'LL BE FINE

I CAN'T WAIT TO DO IT WITH YOU.
UGH!
stroke
SHUT
STEP
PUSH
I'M SORRY.
KEI!

PAWA
PAWA
PAWA
HAH
Ha
Ha
PAWA
PAWA
splash
LEADER.
OH, DID A CUSTOMER DO SOMETHING TO YOU?
OH!
KEI-KUN
startle

ER...
SURE
CAN WE TALK?
OH!
NO...
NOT BUT TODAY
ABOUT SHIRO-SAN
A BAD HABIT OF HIS HAS REEMERGED
AND SO I
IT WAS KIND OF STRANGE
I SEE SO SHIRO...
YES

...YES
O-OVER-LOOK IT?
SWING
OH, WELL...
A BAD HABIT...?
YES...
SO I HOPE YOU'LL OVERLOOK IT...
THAT'S GOOD
TUNK
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE SCHEDULE LATER TODAY, KEI-KUN?
I DON'T.
ALCOHOL...?
YES, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I CAN TALK ABOUT THIS SOBER...
I'M GOING TO TELL YOU THE STORY OF SHIRO AND THE CIRCUS.

whistle
SNORE
AFTER ONLY ONE GLASS...?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME
OH
IT'S YOU
SUCH SUGGESTIVE BEHAVIOR...
Hmmm?
NO WAY...
whistle
HAH... WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
OPEN
L-LEADER!
Yeeesss jamba-laya...
JAM-BALA-YA?!

WHY IS MY MAN SLEEPING IN SUCH A PLACE?
SNOOZE
UH... HE HAD A DRINK...
Y-YES, SORRY FOR INTRUDING.
KEI-KUN, WAS IT?
OH!
YOU'RE FROM THE QUIRE!
EXACTLY
I'M HIS WIFE
HUH?
YOUR MAN...?
AH!
NO...
THERE'S A STORY BEHIND THIS, ISN'T THERE?
THISUMO
Yeeesss!
I'M VERY SORRY.
AH...
HE'S NOT A GOOD DRINKER.

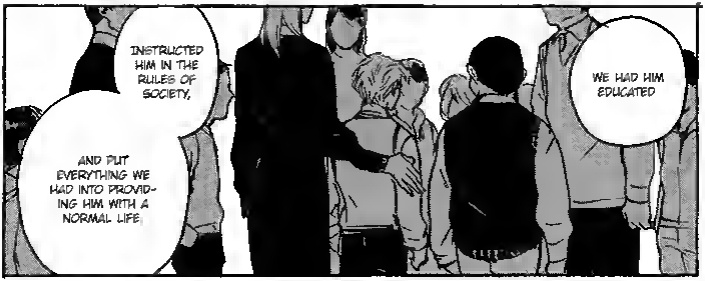
So Shuro and the Circus...
OH!
WELL...
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT SHIRO?
WE WERE BUT
BUT...
HE HADN'T ACTUALLY SAID ANY-THING
I-
I-
HAVEN'T!
BUT YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT SHIRO'S OTHER FAVORITES
WAIT
HAVE YOU SLEPT WITH SHIRO?
GUH!
IT'S APPROACHING THAT STATE OF AFFAIRS, ISN'T IT?
...!
THAT BOY, WHEN HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE TROUBLE HIM,
HE IMMEDIATELY TRIES TO RE-SOLVE THEM WITH SEX
SE...

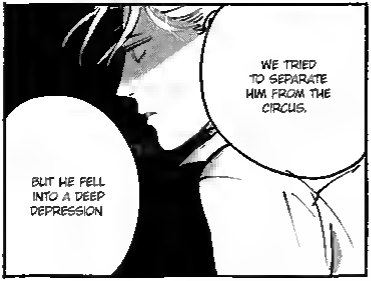
AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO LET YOU ESCAPE
NO DOUBT JOE'S LEAVING HAS UPSET HIM,
HE SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT IF HE SLEEPS WITH THEM, HE WON'T HAVE TO LET THEM GO
POOR CHILD
MITA?
OH... A CUSTOMER WHO CAN'T GET ERECT,
SO HE LIKES TO WATCH TWO GUYS DOING IT
WITH MITA-SAN THERE...?
NO BUT...
DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
I SEE... BRINGING STRANGE PEOPLE HERE AGAIN...
HUH?!
PROBABLY ONE OF SHIRO'S ENTHUSIASTIC DEVOTEES...
WHO HE WAS USING SO HE COULD SLEEP WITH YOU...
?
gurgle
ruffle

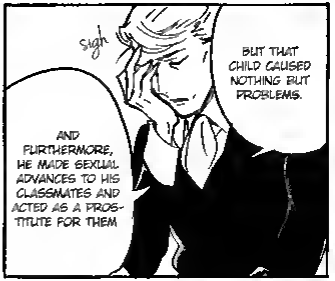
THAT BOY SLEEPS WITH CLIENTS SO HE CAN MAKE HIS LIVING AT THE CIRCUS,
AND HE DRAGS PEOPLE LIKE YOU INTO IT.
USING HIM.
USING HIM. ?
OR MORE PRECISELY HE WAS IN THE PAST.
THE CIRCUS YOU SEE NOW WAS ONCE A BROTHEL ...
BECAUSE THAT BOY IS AN ORPHAN OF THE CIRCUS.
WHY ?
AND THAT CHILD WAS BORN HERE.

IT WAS EVEN MORE LAWLESS THEN THAN IT IS NOW
AROUND TWENTY YEARS AGO THIS AREA WAS THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT
AS I SAID
...BORN HERE?
AND THEN THE UNCLE WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT
THERE WAS NO ONE TO TAKE OVER THE CLUB
I NEVER MET THE UNCLE, BUT THIS ONE HATED HIM
SEEMS HE WAS A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING
THIS PLACE WAS ORIGINALLY OPERATED BY HIS UNCLE
...IN THE FARTHEST RECESSES OF THE SHOP
DEEP
THERE WAS NO LONGER ANYONE THERE
I CAME TO SPEAK WITH HIM
I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF IT, BUT I DECIDED TO SEE HOW THINGS WERE.

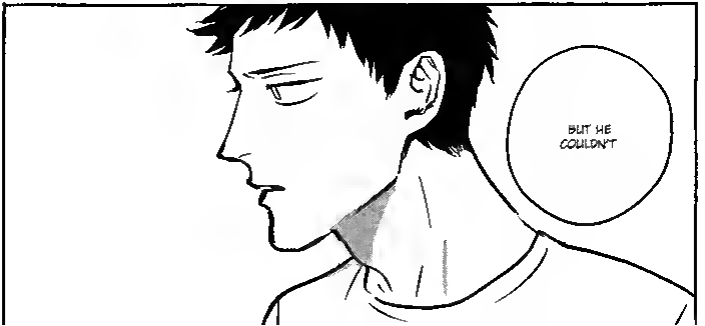
...WE FOUND SHIRO AND HIS MOTHER
MAMA
WE HAVE GUESTS
BUT HIS MOTHER HAD ALREADY DIED.
MAMA
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW OLD HE WAS BUT AROUND 7 OR 8
HIS NAME HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY A CUSTOMER
THERE WAS NO RECORD OF HIS BIRTH.
AND I NEVER KNEW HIS MOTHER'S BACKGROUND EITHER
MY HUSBAND AND I TOOK SHIRO IN,
AND SUPPORTED HIM TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY


INSTRUCTED HIM IN THE RULES OF SOCIETY,
AND PUT EVERYTHING WE HAD INTO PROVIDING HIM WITH A NORMAL LIFE.
WE HAD HIM EDUCATED


WE TRIED TO SEPARATE HIM FROM THE CIRCUS.
BUT HE FELL INTO A DEEP DEPRESSION


Sigh
BUT THAT CHILD CAUSED NOTHING BUT PROBLEMS.
AND FURTHERMORE, HE MADE SEXUAL ADVANCES TO HIS CLASSMATES AND ACTED AS A PROSTITUTE FOR THEM

WE BELIEVED WE HAD RAISED HIM SO HE COULD BE RESPECTABLE
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES,
IT WAS ALWAYS, ALWAYS THE SAME


BUT HE COULDN'T

HE TOLD US THE FIRST TIME HE DID SOMETHING HE HAD WANTED TO DO
FROM THAT POINT FORWARD MY HUSBAND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR HIM
SHIRO GREW UP.
SO HAPPY
AND WE WERE HAPPY FOR HIM.
WE TRIED TALKING TO HIM ABOUT INTERESTING THINGS HE COULD DO IN THE FUTURE
HE ALWAYS WENT BACK TO THE SAME PLACE.
BUT...

BUT HE COULDN'T SAY SUCH THINGS TO SHIRO...
TO TELL HIM TO DO THE THINGS HE LOVED...
MY HUSBAND WANTED THAT CHILD TO BE HAPPY...
MY HUSBAND QUIT HIS JOB AND BECAME THE LEADER AT THE CIRCUS
SO INSTEAD, HE DECIDED TO PROTECT SHIRO FROM INSIDE.
DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO PITY THAT CHILD
HE'S LIVING THE WAY HE WANTS TO
FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART
AND AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARD WELL YOU ALREADY KNOW

BUT I THINK I'LL STAY WITH THIS MAN...
...UNTIL THAT END COMES.

THINGS CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS FOREVER.

THAT'S ALL
SO?

YOUR DEBTS FROM WHEN YOU ENTERED THE CIRCUS...
CLINK
SHIRO HAS PAID THEM.
HUH?!

IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU LEAVE
HUH?!

I DON'T TAKE IT ON MYSELF TO MANAGE THAT BOY'S LIFE FURTHER THAN THIS
SO YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU LIKE
EXCUSE ME
TODAY HAS BEEN
ONE MORE THING
PLEASE DON'T THINK BADLY OF MY HUSBAND
HE ONLY TOOK THIS ON OUT OF TIMIDITY
GOOD NIGHT
I WON'T

I'LL MAKE YOU TELL ME EVERYTHING
YOU'RE SUCH A SNEAK
SNIFF
Pat
LUGH!
I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT TO DO ANYMORE
BUT...
WELL, THEN...
YOU SHOULD GO TO BED TOO
BUT WE CAN'T KEEP GOING ON LIKE THIS
YOU'RE A KIND MAN,
...I KNOW
I'M SORRY, MARIA...

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